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Filed: 5 April 2001 Examiner: Fredman, Jeffrey N.  
TITLE: PROCESS FOR ALLELE DISCRIMINATION UTILIZING PRIMER EXTENSION  
Docket No.: 469290-55

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In response to the Office Action, dated 10 February 2003, Applicant submits the following:

1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116;
2. Request for Continued Examination (Form PTO/SB/30 – 1 sheet);
3. Request for 3 month extension of time to respond under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
4. Check for \$840.00 (for 3 month extension of time for a small entity and \$375.00 for RCE for a small entity);
5. Return Postcard.

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No additional fee is believed due in filing this Notice of Appeal. The Commissioner is requested to charge any additional fees, or credit any refunds, to Deposit Acc't No. 03-0678.

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**REQUEST  
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<b>Application Number</b>	09/827,289
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<b>Art Unit</b>	1637
<b>Examiner Name</b>	Jeffrey N. Fredman
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	469290-55

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-0678

- RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$840.00 \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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